

times and to how many souls the voice of the Master came thru this hymn whose words we cherish ?

"I hear thy welcome voice,  
That calls me Lord, to thee ;  
For cleansing in the precious blood,  
That flowed on Calvary."

The congregation is common. The people gather about the door and discuss their crops. The conversation does not savor of spiritual things. But here, thru the parish minister, many a heart-ache is soothed, many a life burden lightened, many a waiting soul drawn heavenward, and many a stray soul brought to Christ to be saved forever.

So everywhere these ministers are shedding the gospel light; they are bringing souls into the Kingdom of Heaven; they are strengthening those who have named Christ, the Savior. Theirs is the heritage that shall endure, "the crown that fadeth not away."

### Is It Just ?

Kansas is a prohibition state, that is, by vote of the people the constitution of that state has been so amended as to make the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drink in any form, except for medicinal purposes, a crime. That liquor is sold in some parts of the state is not to be questioned, especially in the border towns. The papers report that in Witchita, a Kansas town, a W. C. T. U. woman entered a saloon with a bag of stones and proceeded to demolish plate glass mirrors, glasses, filthy paintings and other frangible property. The woman was arrested and locked up in jail, and there followed an exhibition of an amazing amount of zeal for the dignity and majesty of the law. What a terrible crime it is for a woman to break the law ! The proprietors of fifteen saloons in that town are living in open violation of the law every day and night, defying the constitution of the commonwealth of which they profess to be citizens. Is it any worse for this woman to break a little crockery and glass ware than for these saloon keepers openly to break the law which they do every day these dens of vice are open ? We have no faith in mob law ; we do not approve of the course pursued by Mrs. Nation in her zeal to wipe out illegitimate saloons, but if it is ever justifiable to take a prisoner from his cell the good citizens of Witchita and community would be justified in going to that prison and demand the release of Mrs. Nation, or insist that every saloon keeper in the town be made to pay his fine and be locked up also. It remains to be seen whether the courts of Kansas regard the breaking of a little glass ware as worse than the breaking of the law, or whether a crime is any worse because the guilty person is a woman. For the sake of the fair name of Kansas it is to be hoped that state will show itself farther removed from the "state" of barbarism than to make such a discrimination.

### The Observance of the Golden Rule Pays

According to careful estimates the cost of the miners' strike in the anthracite coal regions of Pennsylvania was about \$13,500,000 equally distributed between the miners and the operators, that is to say each lost above \$6,500,000. An application of the Golden Rule would have saved, not only the \$13,500,000, but much bitter feeling between the employ-

ees and the employed. The way of the world is always costly. Thousands of human lives and millions of dollars have been lost because there was not enough grace in the heart to yield to the principles of the Golden Rule. Until we find a less costly way of settling difficulties between those who buy and those who sell labor we can not claim to have reached a very high state of Christian civilization, and the only civilization that is worth the name is *Christian*.

### Only a Fad

Emma Goldman's new propaganda that crime is a disease and that criminals instead of being punished should be treated as patients, is quite interesting from the standpoint of the man who is interested in the study of fads. Fancy now your thug, your child abductor, your midnight burglar, your destroyer of virtue, your all around friend of whatever stripe, submitting to the hospital course for desperate wickedness. The young woman who would give them a prescription instead of a rope fancies perhaps that she would uncover some hidden fountain of gratitude and humanity by her gentle kindness and solicitude for the moral health of these degenerates. Perhaps she might, some cases, but as a rule no amount of doctoring to a thorn will make it bring forth apples. Crime is bred deeper than the bone. Divine wisdom in the Mosaic law saw no remedy for it but the severest punishment, and that has been the experience of all mankind ever since.

### Our Little Folks

We have just issued four numbers (January 12, 19, 26, and February 3) of *Our Little Folks*, a four page paper published for the little people in Sunday-school and in the home. The paper is beautifully illustrated and very neatly printed. Special attention is called to the workmanship on these four issues. So far as mechanical execution is concerned we invite comparison with any similar publications in the country; also in the preparation and arrangement of the matter. If you have never seen this little paper send for sample copies. The paper is just as good for the home as it is for the school and parents will find that with this neat little paper they can both interest and instruct the little folks in the home.

### Ashland College—First Sabbath in the Year

The first Sabbath in the new year and in the century was an interesting one at Ashland. In the morning Brother Miller preached an interesting sermon, more especially intended for students. In the afternoon the Week of Prayer was introduced in a union service held in the College chapel and led by Rev. Dawson, of the M. E. church. The service was uplifting and therefore helpful. In the evening the young people's meeting, led by Sister Moomaw, was very interesting. The topic was "A Forward Look;" many interesting talks were given and helpful thoughts presented. More than fifty were present at this the first meeting of the young people in the new year. Ours is the largest young people's meeting in Ashland. The influence of these young people who gather inspiration at the College will be felt, some day, thru-out the entire brotherhood.